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American Housewife Back Home After Red Jailing

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Mrs. Helen Kozeradsky, a New Jersey woman who spent 38 months in a Communist Czechoslovakia prison accused of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), burst into tears yesterday as she was reunited with her husband and three children.

She hugged her 14-year-old daughter Helen and exclaimed: "You've grown up."

The heavy-set, dark-haired 32-year-old woman was met at the airport by her husband John, a machine operator in Passaic, N. J.

"I feel very sad," Mrs. Kozeradsky said, "but I'm very happy."

Her oldest son, Michael, 23, is a civil engineer. John Jr., 21, is studying to become an airplane mechanic. Michael acted as a spokesman for his mother. He said she might feel like talking about her ordeal in a few days.

"My mother is very tired and I don't want her saying anything until we know how she feels," he said.

Michael said, "We're just happy to have her home."

"We were surprised at her release and it's a wonderful thrill for the family to see her again. Right now we want to take her home and just make her happy and get her to fit back into our home life. In a few weeks we hope she'll be back in the old routine."

Mrs. Kozeradsky went to her homeland and was arrested as a spy on May 28, 1960 while on a business trip. She operated a small furniture importing business. The Czechoslovakia government said she confessed she was involved in espionage.

Michael Kozeradsky denied that his mother was an American spy.

"My mother had nothing to do with politics," he said. "She's a housewife trying to make a small business."

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TEARFUL HOMECOMING — Helen Kazeradsky is comforted by a U.S. Health Department officer as she weeps after arriving in New York yesterday. She had been imprisoned for three years as a spy in Czechoslovakia. She was released Saturday. (UPI Telephoto)